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1. USSR: Soviet reaction to Acheson policy statement-- US Ambassador Kirk in Moscow estimates that Secretary Acheson's recent enunciation of "total diplomacy" has made an important impression on the Kremlin. In addition to the vehement propaganda reaction against the concept of "total diplomacy", Kirk notes a feeling among qualified foreign observers that there are signs of apprehension among Soviet authorities. The Ambassador expresses the opinion that the establishment by the US of a specific practical outline for world policy and action--a procedure which the Communists themselves have long followed--materially threatens the achievement of Soviet objectives.



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